THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A proposal to fill up upgraded 20 post of Deputy Director (O.L) is under consideration of the U.P.S.C. and appointment against these posts will be made on receipt of recommendation from U.P.S.C.

Enlarging the role of CISF

4836. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the charter of the Central Industrial Security Force is being recast to enlarge its role and functions to make it a key player in the internal security grid of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of some fresh assignments reportedly entrusted to the CISF recently; and

(d) the steps taken to modernise the CISF in terms of equipments and training needs to handle their additional responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) The CISF has been constituted as an Armed Force of the Union under the CISF Act, 1968 and with the amendment carried out in 1999, new responsibilities of providing security to VIPs/VVIPs, security of Government Buildings, Domestic and International Airports and Disaster Management have been entrusted to the Force.

(c) CISF has recently been assigned the duties of security of the Indira Gandhi International Air Port and the Red Fort in Delhi. The Force has already taken over the security of the former. CISF Coys have been earmarked for security of the Red Fort.

(d) Following steps have been taken to modernize the CISF in terms of equipment and training needs to handle their additional responsibility:–

(i) Latest training aids and security gadgets have been installed in training institutions.

(ii) CISF personnel newly inducted at the Airports are given 5 day induction training programme.

(iii) Appropriate inputs on aviation security have been included in the basic and other in-service courses.

(iv) Special VIP security course for CISF personnel has been designed and introduced at RTC Deoli.

(v) A four-week course on Equal Response Training for personnel deployed at Airports has been designed.

(vi) Training for trainers of personnel of Disaster Management has also been started.

(vii) Latest VHF radio sets and other communication equipments have been procured.

(viii) Modern weapons like Rifle 5.56 mm INSAS & Gun machine 5.56 mm (LNG) have been inducted in the Force.

Conditions of women prisoners in the country

4837. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Parliamentary Committee on empowerment of women has fully criticised the inaction of the Home Ministry for remaining silent on the conditions of women prisoners in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has suggested that appropriate mechanism should be put in place by the Home Ministry and specific guidelines formulated to monitor the implementations of the recommendations by the State Government/ Union Territories to improve the basic facilities for women under detention;

(c) whether any guidelines in this regard have been issued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) The Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women presented their Third Original Report and Eleventh Action Taken Report on the subject, 'Women in Detention' to Lok Sabha on 24th August, 2002 and 11th March, 2003 respectively and laid the same in Rajya Sabha, simultaneously. Out of 20 recommendations, the Committee has accepted response of Government in respect of 12 (60%), decided not to pursue 3 (15%) in view of the replies of the Government and called for further compliance in respect of 5 (25%) recommendations.

(b) to (d) The Committee has observed that the Ministry of Home Affairs should make concerted efforts to ensure that their recommendations are implemented by all States and Union Territories and utilization of funds sanctioned for modernization of prisons monitored. The recommendations of the Committee have been forwarded to States/Union Territories for appropriate action. A detailed format has been prescribed to monitor the utilization of funds under the Prison Modernization Scheme.